

ORDINANCE 83-15

To Amend Certain Sections of Chapter 2.04 of the Bloomington Municipal Code,  
Entitled "Common Council"

WHEREAS, an ordinance Reorganizing and Recodifying Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled, "Administration and Personnel" has been recommended to the Common Council by the Mayor and

WHEREAS, as a part of said Recodification, it is appropriate to amend certain provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 2 entitled, "Common Council" to clarify certain Council procedures and meet recent statutory requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. Sections 2.04.010, .020, .050, .060, .270, .310, and .350 shall be repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

2.04.010 Election of officers. The council shall, at its first regular meeting on the first Monday in January, choose from its members a president, a president pro tempore, and a parliamentarian, all of whom shall serve until the first Monday in January of the next succeeding year, when their successors shall be chosen to serve for one year in like manner.

2.04.020 Duties of president. The president shall have general direction of the council chambers and shall preserve order and decorum. The president shall rule on all points of order subject to an appeal to the council by any two members, shall state all questions properly proposed, shall put all questions which come to a vote, and shall declare the results of each vote. After any ordinance, resolution, address or order is adopted by the council, the president shall certify such action and certification shall be attested by the city clerk. In the absence of the president, the president pro tempore shall preside.

2.04.050 Regular meetings. The council shall hold its first regular meeting on the first Monday in January of each year. Thereafter, the council shall meet in regular session on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. local time. The council may agree by majority vote to dispense with any regular session or to change the day or hour of any meeting, but the council shall meet at least once each month.

2.04.060 Special meetings--Emergency meetings. (a) Special meetings of the council may be held on call of the mayor, the president or any three members of the council. It shall be the duty of the president or the members calling the special session to notify the city clerk of the meeting, its date, hour, and agenda. The city clerk shall, at least forty-eight hours before the time set for the meeting, notify each member of the council, either in person, by telephone, or by notice left at the member's place of residence. Notice shall also be given at least forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting to the newsmedia and to the public as required by state law.

(b) Emergency meetings may be held provided there is compliance with the notice requirements of state law.

2.04.270 Ordinances and resolutions--Filing and copies. Each ordinance or resolution submitted to the council shall be typewritten, accompanied by any relevant documents, and filed with the city clerk at least two weeks before the meeting at which the legislation is to be introduced. The president shall approve the agenda and the council staff shall prepare and distribute copies of the agendas and legislation to the council members, the mayor, and city attorney.

2.04.310 Ordinances and resolutions--Vote required. A majority vote of the members of the council shall be necessary to adopt any resolution; order or ordinance, unless state or federal requirements provide otherwise.

2.04.350 Veto Procedure. In the event the mayor disapproves any ordinance, order, or resolution requiring mayoral approval, such ordinance, order, or resolution shall not become law unless at the next properly convened meeting or special meeting held at least ten days following presentation of the ordinance, order, or resolution to the mayor, the council again passes the ordinance, order, or resolution by two-thirds vote of all members of the council.

SECTION II. Severability. If any section of this ordinance or any part of any section shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional such declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 20 day of April 1983.

Katherine Dilcher

Katherine Dilcher, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

Patricia Williams, City Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 21 day of April, 1983.

Patricia Williams

Patricia Williams, City Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 21 day of April, 1983.

Tomilea Allison

Tomilea Allison, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

#### SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends several sections of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code to clarify certain rules of council procedure and to comply with statutory requirements.